From: Satchmoz
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/6/02 7:44pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am part of a worldwide network that is working on getting the BeOS or equivalent back
into the market place, but there is no hope of success as long as microsoft continues its
monopoly. Microsoft contually only supports their standards opting not to use any
existing standards within the PC industry, instead they push their own formats as the only
option on the Windows OS. They literally sell and inferior product compard to many other
OS, but can destroy there competetion through sheer business power, due to the size of
their monopoly. BeOS is just one of many casulties. IBM was hurt many years ago when
they tried to create an operating system to compete with windows known as OS/2. All
of their business practices are designed to elliminate competition. The proposed
"penalty" on microsoft is nowhere near strong enough. Nor will breaking up the company
help. Most people in the technical world i have spoken to agree that many things need to
be done to stop the damage microsoft is causing to free enterprise. This includes but is
not limited to:

open Office file formats

open Win32 APIs

make dual-booting other OS's (such as BeOS) mandatory on OEM licenses.